**Team Practice Worksheet**

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| Unit Title: Early Humans and the Rise of Civilization | | Lesson Topic: Ancient Sumer |
| Finish this practice to get ready for your quiz | Answer the questions using **COMPLETE SENTENCES**.   1. What is a civilization? 2. Name three classes of people who lived at each status level of the Sumerian social structure. Who lived within each social class? Provide at least one example in your answer. 3. Name the three types of artists in Sumer. Pick one, and explain what he did. 4. What are the seven characteristics of ahcivilization? 5. Why was religion important to the Sumerians? Give at least one example in your answer. 6. Based on what you have learned about different forms of writing in Sumer, why do you think that cuneiform was a better method of communication than pictographs? 7. What was the name of second Sumerian invention that helped create a stable food supply? Explain what the invention was and how the Sumerians used them. 8. What was life like in Sumer before and after the invention of the wheel? 9. Why did religious beliefs in Sumer make the government more powerful? 10. Why was music an important art in Sumer? | |

**Answer Sheet**

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| 1. A society marked by developed arts, sciences, government, and social structure. 2. The three classes of people were lower, middle, and upper. Lower-slaves. Middle-merchants, artisans, farmers, fishers. Upper-priests, landowners, government officials. 3. Metalworkers created practical objects. Architects designed temples and ziggurats. Musicians played instruments and sang during ceremonies. 4. stable food supply, social structure, government, religion, arts, technology, writing 5. It influenced every part of daily life. The Sumerians tried to please their gods in all things., from growing crops to settling disputes. 6. Your answer can be your own, but it needs to mention the fact that cuneiform was a better form of communication because the Sumerians could exchange more detailed information with each other. 7. The plow helped farmers prepare the soil for planting, making farming faster and producing more food. 8. Before the wheel, people had to move good in sledges. After the wheel, people used wheeled carts to carry heavier loads over longer distances. 9. The Sumerian people obeyed the will of their gods, and the gods chose the kings. 10. The Sumerians believed that it brought joy to the people and to the gods. |
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